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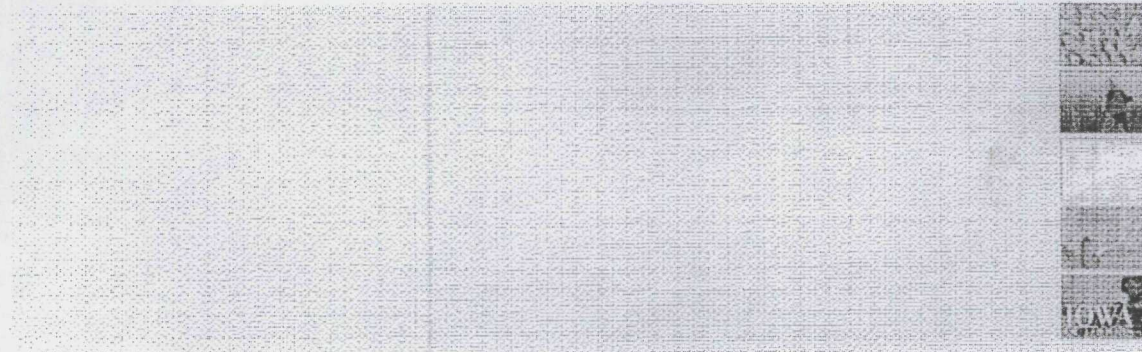
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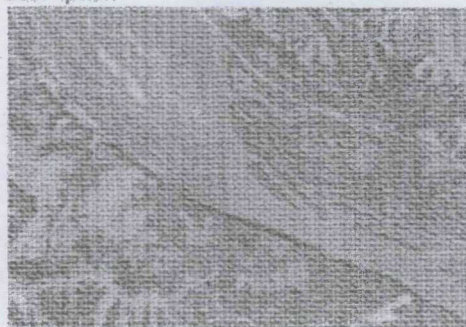
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Pool 12 of the Upper Mississippi River extends 26.3 miles from Lock and Dam 12 in Bellevue to Lock and Dam 11 in Dubuque. Pool 12 contains 12,349 acres of aquatic habitat. Pool 12 encompasses most of the natural river floodplain and is bounded by limestone bluffs for much of its length. Pool 12 has islands, side channels, and backwaters throughout most of its length. Unlike many pools, the lower reach of Pool 12 is not an open expanse of water. Pool 12 is also part of the [Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge](#).

**Iowa - Caught Fish Are Safe to Eat**

The vast majority of Iowa's streams, rivers and lakes offer safe and high-quality fish that pose little or no threat to human health if consumed. Some limitations may apply for young children and pregnant women. Here's a [Fish Consumption Fact Sheet](#) from the Iowa DNR and the Iowa Dept. of Public Health for more information. Here is a [list of current fish consumption advisories](#) for Iowa lakes and rivers.

**Fish Species**

Major species: bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, largemouth bass, sauger, walleye, white bass

Minor species: flathead catfish, northern pike, smallmouth bass, yellow perch

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